VIA HAND DELIVERY AND E-MAIL

Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

RE: Petition for Approval of Calendar Year 2003 Residential Conservation Services Program Budget (D.T.E. 02-64)

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Pursuant to G.L. c. 164 App. §§ 2-1 through 2-10 and 220 C.M.R. 7.00 *et seq.*, the Cape Light Compact (the "Compact") hereby files notice of its Petition for Approval of Calendar Year 2003 Residential Conservation Services ("RCS") Program Budget. The Compact respectfully requests permission from the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("DTE") for a two week extension on the filing of its Calendar Year 2003 ("CY 2003") detailed RCS budget, from November 1, 2002 to November 15, 2002. Lawrence O. Masland of the Division of Energy Resources ("DOER") has already assented to this request. We respectfully request this short extension for the reasons set forth below.

First, the Compact's current Energy Efficiency Plan, dated November 2000, does not include a budget for the RCS program, or any other program, for CY 2003.

Second, the Compact is currently in the process of preparing a new Energy Efficiency Plan, which will include CY 2003 budget estimates for the RCS program. The new Energy Efficiency Plan is scheduled to be completed in early 2003.

Third, the Compact is making several important changes to the RCS program as part of the DOER-sponsored RCS redesign. Therefore, the CY 2003 budgets may be significantly different from those of CY 2002.

Finally, the Compact expects to have initial budget estimates for all of its 2003 programs,

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including the RCS program, by November 15, 2002. These budget estimates can be used for the CY 2003 RCS budget filing to the DTE.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you require additional information or have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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